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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading were trending unchanged in the West, but higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and fully steady to firm in the East. Retail demand was light to moderate; food service was fair to good, best for fast food and into resort areas. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were in good balance to tight and moving well, and dark meat was sufficient to tight. Breast items were adequate to barely adequate, except for boneless skinless which were fully adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	56.00-70.00	61.74	27
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	69.00-70.00	59.00-79.00	69.56	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
944	65.72-72.00	69.38

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	153.00	1,188
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	5,506
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,268
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	1,066
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	8,412
WINGS	77.50	2,734

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area for next week moved higher. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady on light offerings. Retail draw was waning and noted as light to moderate, while food service was light to good, best into fast food and resort areas. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were ample; whole breasts, tenderloins and wings were adequate to barely adequate; leg quarters were in balance, thighs available and drums were tight. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat cuts, wings and tenderloins, steady on whole breasts and barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Wings were close to tight and moving well, and dark meat was in balance to short. Breast items were adequate to barely adequate, except for boneless skinless which were more available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The market tone was steady overall. Early trading for next weeks' delivery was reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new negotiations. Offerings of lightweights in good balance with heavyweights adequate at best. Retailer demand was fairly good to cover features and moderate otherwise. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend clearances. Most white meat items were strong and dark meat generally steady.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breast and wings were in close balance to tight. Other items were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance to closely cleared on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes; short on the 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 63 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were in short supply. Other cuts were generally noted as in manageable balance to tight.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	61-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/03/06-07/07/06 (A)
	07/04/05-07/08/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/03/06-07/07/06 (A)
	07/04/05-07/08/05 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

JUL 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 07

SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	625	123.00-169.00	-	133.19	475	120.00-169.00	-	132.21	2,515	134.64
TENDERLOINS	168	114.00-165.00	120-125	119.76	178	118.00-165.00	-	122.42	854	118.42
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				425	72.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				220	68.09
LEGS	268	35.00-56.00	38	38.09	124	34.00-58.00	38-39	39.57	598	38.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	29.00-35.00	32-33	32.26	585	29.00-35.00	32-33	32.26	2,340	32.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,051	30.00-38.00	34-35	34.64	1,051	30.00-38.00	34-35	34.37	3,884	34.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	62.00-79.00	66-69	68.84	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
WINGS (CUT)	295	85.00-96.00	89-92	90.02	160	89.00-94.00	-	92.50	1,035	89.40
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				307	47.47
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				97	38.64
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				288	85.20
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JUL 06, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JUL 07, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 52.50	50.30	47.00 - 52.50	50.21	50.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS -Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breasts, tenders and wings were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts, tenderloins and wings; steady to firm for dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUL 06

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.09		269,400
TENDERLOINS	120-125	116.20		108,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	91.22		25,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.72		82,800
LEGS	43-44	43.83		113,500
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	36.05		89,400
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.13		121,240
THIGHS	28-29	35.46		54,360
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.13		53,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	76.39		131,940
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	No sales reported		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	No sales reported		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.87		6,200

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**				
BREAST - B/S	145	135.94		762,840	136.92	2,573,920
TENDERLOINS	120-125	111.05		257,100	113.40	794,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	80.61		114,120	80.67	295,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.69		86,400	76.93	327,600
LEGS	44-45	42.87		213,560	43.05	698,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	34.65		260,000	34.85	1,045,200
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.17		177,490	41.31	533,850
THIGHS	28-29	38.33		66,360	38.85	220,480
B/S THIGHS	83-84	84.15		113,120	84.37	393,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	75.27		240,120	72.94	919,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.32		15,080	11.70	59,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.11		15,960	26.59	52,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.95		15,560	48.28	57,240

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	07/07	07/06	07/05	07/04	07/05	07/04	06/30	06/28	WTS
Alabama	4,558	4,031	4,018	(A)	5.33	(A)	5,020	5.30	
Arkansas	5,656	5,376	5,053	(A)	5.37	(A)	5,521	5.18	
Delmarva	2,645	2,292	2,245	(A)	5.59	(A)	2,891	5.64	
KY-LA-TN	2,427	2,218	2,127	(A)	5.07	(A)	2,867	4.99	
Mississippi	3,138	2,959	2,436	(A)	6.07	(A)	3,536	5.77	
North Carolina	2,738	2,623	2,395	(A)	6.47	(A)	3,867	6.88	
Texas	2,516	2,499	2,516	(A)	5.37	(A)	2,575	5.29	
Total	23,678	21,998	20,790	5,474	5.56	4.91	26,277	5.52	
Mon-Fri	92,694(B)						113,242(B)		
Saturday	2,414 (included in total for date shown)						5,789		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jul-06 and 08-Jul-06 is estimated to be 35,425,000 head down 10.16 percent from a week ago and down -16.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 39,431,000, last year 42,478,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 08-Jul-06 is estimated to be 139,118,000 head down 17.45 percent from a week ago, and down 6.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,518,000, last year 148,211,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108-114
HENS OVER 5#			100
DUCKS			111-118
			88-102
			102-109
			185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 24-Jun-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,049	22,894	51,658
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%

Comparisons

Last week	24,530	22,459	54,458
Avg Weight	3.65	4.65	6.33
% of total /1	24%	22%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,112	25,652	54,561
Avg Weight	3.78	4.83	6.34
% of total /1	27%	23%	49%

To date/2006	672,212	486,728	1,348,517
To date/2005	691,671	550,493	1,230,930

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 01-JUL-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	168,518	1,006	1,614	2,620	468
Avg Wt	5.24	3.46	8.08	6.31	6.71
Last week	166,972	1,019	1,557	2,576	470
Same wk yr ago	174,829	1,574	1,452	3,026	482
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.03	5.55	6.53
To-date/2006	4,202,012	29,793	38,401	68,194	13,307
To-date/2005	4,154,948	40,438	35,973	76,411	12,958

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.6 million head, or 8.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
May 27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
June 3	144.6	163.1	89%	5.41
10	168.3	165.4	102%	5.38
17	165.7	166.0	100%	5.31
24	169.0	164.5	103%	5.30
July 1	170.6	162.5	105%	5.24
Year to date	4253.1	4262.7	100%	
July 8		162.3		
15		163.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	07/08/06	07/01/06	% CHG	07/09/05	% CHG
Broilers	139,118	168,518*	-17.45	148,211*	-6.14
Cattle	594	701	-15	557*	+07
Hogs	1,638	1,849	-11	1,619*	+01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 03-JUL-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53.00-64.00	59.00-61.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.50-86.25	72.00-78.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were in balance to adequate for current needs. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$0.70-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 03-JUL-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

July 06, 2006

NO SALES TO REPORT DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy cannery; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for the no better than fair buyer interest, with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the 4th of July holiday. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-26 MAJORITY 22-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to available for current needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-11	7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were higher. Offerings were easily adequate with demand best into rendering operations and reported as light to fairly good. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10.5	8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules lighter due to the holiday. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JUL-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was fair. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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